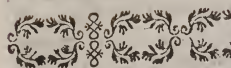


confirmed. But as exercise becomes tedious and painful, when we make use of it only as the means of health, so reading is too apt to grow uneasy and burdensome when we apply ourselves to it only for our improvement in virtue. For this reason, the virtue and instruction, which we gather from a fable or allegory, is like the health we get by hunting, as we are engaged in an agreeable pursuit that draws us on with pleasure, and makes us insensible of the fatigues with which it is attended.



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